

6 December 1948

Mr. Osborne A. Bryan
Londenhurst
Long Island, New York

Dear Mr. Bryan:

This refers to the photogravure printing process
which you have fully discussed with [REDACTED]

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While we feel that the process has considerable merit,
there is presently no necessity which would justify the
installation of the necessary plant, and the expense of
training personnel in the technical aspects of the process.
We, therefore, see no need for any further negotiation at
this time, but you may rest assured that should a require-
ment for your process arise in the future, we will communicate
with you.

With thanks for your efforts in our behalf, believe me,

Sincerely,

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R. H. HILLENBRETTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence

cc: Director ✓
Central Records

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FILE: BRYAN, Osborne A

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1 December 1948

SUBJECT: Photogravure Printing Process of Osborne A. Bryan

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A thorough study has been made of the merits and adaptability of Mr. Bryan's process of photogravure printing. Mr. Bryan has exclusive rights to the American franchise of this process. It has been found that the method does present a finer quality of gravure printing than that presently used by the average gravure printers in this country. However, there are no covering basic patents protecting this method. The expense involved in installing a plant of the kind required would be quite high. In order to train personnel in the technical aspects of this process, it would be necessary that personnel to be trained leave this country and undergo training somewhere in Holland. Such training would require a period of six months or thereabouts.

It is felt that while this is an excellent process, it is not adaptable to CIA's requirements at this time. It would be appreciated if a letter can be sent to Mr. Bryan, over the Admiral's signature, stating that, while we are interested in the process, there is no need at this time which justifies the installation of the necessary plant and expense of training personnel. It is suggested that the letter also state that if such a requirement arises in the future, we will be glad to confer further with Mr. Bryan.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

October 15, 1947

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Mr. Oscear Bryan called wanting to report to the Director on his contacts with the Government Printing Office to whom the Director had referred him.

Mr. Jack Mursell, GPO, appeared interested and had him see [] 2430 E St, NW (tele: []). The latter asked Mr. Bryan if he knew [] (in CIA Office of Special Operations) has in the past contributed valuable suggestions to the perfection of Mr. Bryan's process.

[] has also talked to Mr. Bryan - and, according to Mr. Bryan, [] volunteered to acquaint the Admiral, if he so wishes, with the merits of Mr. Bryan's project.

In addition, Mr. Bryan stated that his European contacts would be most helpful in the event we would wish to have a rush printing job done in Europe.

(Mr. Bryan asserted himself as being definitely anti-communist. Related an instant where he had broken up a public address being given by a communist - took the stand himself arguing against communism.)

Mr. Bryan wants to set up a publication plant, the site for which he has already picked for security operation. It would be a closed plant. Only home owners live in the neighborhood. A banking firm is ready to advance him one-half million dollars for getting his enterprise under way. He wants to operate the firm similar to the manner in which Harrison in London does.

He brought up the fact that this undertaking is not his only means of livelihood. He showed me two check vouchers indicating that he is receiving \$500 a month from the Chicago Tribune for his work as consultant on colored rotogravure, specifically training men of the Chicago Tribune in this process.

He has done work for the [] in New York - they are cognizant of his negotiations with CIA.

Towards the end of the interview, Mr. Bryan stated that he had originally been referred to Admiral Hillenkoetter by Mr. Robert H. Harper of the Armed Services Committee.

Mr. Bryan asked that the Director be apprised of the developments since his first interview and requested an appointment with the Director

to discuss the matter further with him. I agreed to present the above facts to the Director.

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Mr. Bryan telephoned the morning of October 16th asking for an appointment. I told him that the Director was not available to see him today and added that there was no necessity for him to discuss the matter with the Director at this time. Thanked him for his offer of assistance and told him that if we could make use of his services at a later date we would communicate with him promptly.



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MEMO FOR RECORD

Telephone call from Mr. Bryan - 10 Oct 47.

Following suggestion of DCI after his visit this week Mr. Bryan got in touch with GPO in order that they may evaluate the merits of his project. This morning [] took him over to see the people in their Confidential shop. He met [] who was associated with General Donovan during the war, and is now located in GPO at 2430 E St. Stated that all appeared very favorably impressed with the project. He wanted to pass on this information to Director and tell him that either of above gentlemen would be glad to give the Director their opinion of the merit of this project. Mr. Bryan himself will be available any time to come to D.C. upon a telephone call to him in New York.

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I told him I would pass the above on to the Director and if we could take advantage of his offer for assistance we would communicate with him.

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Ten minutes later [] of CSO, called inquiring if Mr. Bryan had an appointment with the Director this morning - as he was anxious to get in touch with him. [] has had contacts with Mr. Bryan over a year ago and made some contribution to the improvement of his project. Was anxious to find out the present status of his undertaking.

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REMARKS:

2- Do you wish anything further be done on this?